(c) what .was,the value, of tho^c.shares on 1st January, 1990, 1991 and 1992 and what are 'the detalls of transactJo^n field during each year; .

;(d) when was each Share ipiirchased, what was its price and what is the present jmar-ket value of each;

(e) whether it is also a fact that certain officials are engaged directly: or indirectly in the distribution ; business of Pharmaceutical units; and

(f) if so, what are the details available with hist Ministry and what is the relatidn with the officer who is managing, reach; show ?

THE MINISTER OB STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FER-TILlZEkS^iRr'CHTNf AM0HAN) : (a) to'(d) Under the rules' allver Went servants, entering into V'ah^'"transaction in respect,of moveable property either in his own name or in the nanne of the member of his family, as per the prescribed limits, are required to give intimation hi the re[L] quired forth.

(A) .and (f)Under theRules,,no: Government servant, can, engage directly or indirectly in any trade Qr.business,,except with the previous, sanction of the Government.
Any violation pl, the rules dealt with ap-propriately.

F FGto calculate overcharged amount on drugs

1140: SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will rr*'PRIME MINSTER be pleased to state':

(a) whether is factthat his[1] Ministry has .faded ,to,^calculajeyjttje, amount over-charged oh Ibudex, Pioxyvca Revitul and Histac -rang of forfliMlaitianfc' for i the last one decade ;

(b) whether it is a fact that producer has overcharged ithe consumer by Rs. 40 crores but no aojfjon has been taken against the company under D.P.CO1979/DPCO, 1987

(c) the officers inVolved in[1] this comp lacency and what^steps havebeen taken to unearth the racket;

(d) what is the present status of recovery as well as action taken under Essential Commodities Act against the company ; and

(e) since when these issues are pending and what are the reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FER-TILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) :

(a) to (e) The matters regarding overcharging in the prices of Ibudex capsules, Proxyvon range of formulations and Revital capsules are at various stages of examination. It is not correct to say that these cases are one decade old. However^ it takes time in the cases of. overcharging to arrive at a final decision because the companies deliberately avoid to give the details required by the Government for calculating the overcharged amount.

Price of Diloxanide Furoate

1141. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1155 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5-3-92 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that price of Rs. 472 per Kg. for Diloxanide Furoate was fixed based on the cost date of M/s. Boots ;

(b) whether it is a fact that organised sector units had discontinued production long back, and M/s: Boots have alSO that produced the drug during the 'last three' years ;

(c) what was the, production of each during 1990-91 and 1991-92

(d) whether it. is a fact that M/s Cam-; lin who were not cost studies are still supplying the drug ;at Rs. 400 per Kg. *

(e) what steps have been taken to 'fix the responsibility for fictitious and fake increase in price ;

(f) what was the consumption of M/s Boots during the last two years and what was the quantity purchase during each of these, years;, and

(g) what was the source of purchase and the price at which purchased ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MQHAN) : (a) No, Sir, The BICP conducted cost-cum-technical study on the cost data of M/s. Boots, M/s. Unique and M/s. Camlin.

(b) and (c) To the extent information is available, the production of M/s. Boots for the year 1989 90 was 0.83 MT and in respect of M/s. Mctroni Drugs, the production during 1989-90 was 2.90 MT.

(d) No such information/complaint has been received by the Government.

(e) The price of this bulk drug was increased due to impact of change of exchange rate of rupee against major foreign currencies taking into consideration cost data available with the Government and in consultation with the BICP.

(f) and (g) The details will be collected from the company and laid on the Table of the House.

Highest and lowest imported price of bulk drugs

1142. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 420 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th February, 1992 and state :

(a) what was the difference between the highest and lowest import price which came to the notice of his Ministry in respect of each of the bulk drugs referred to ;

(b) whether it is a fact that his predecessor ignored the highest import price and worked out the average of the remaining importers to eliminate over-invoicing ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have dispened with the practice and has started obliging the individual importers under the able advice of his Development Commissioner ;

(d) what is the position regarding pricing of Carbamezepine formulation pricing ;

(e) what are the names of drugs, where higher prices of bulk drug have been taken in fixation of formulation prices both indigenous productidh price or imported price during 1991-92 ; and

(f) what was the price taken in each case and what was the average imported price and the indigenous price ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) :

(a) This Ministry received complaints/ Member of Parliament's letters alleging overinvoicing of imports of drugs/drug intermediates. These cases of overinvoicing were[1] referred to Directorate of Revenue Intelligence/Enforcement Directorate. As already answered, there was no, evidence to conclude any contravention of FERA, 1973.

(b) and (c) For price fixation of formulations based on imported scheduled bulk drugs, DPRC Sub Committee under Chairmanship of Member (Finance), BICP, which is responsible for recommending to prices of formulations to this department, adopts the price of bulk drugs claimed by the concerned formulators or the weighted average landed cost worked out by DGHS on the basis of total importsj whichever is lower. Price fixation is being done as per provisions of the DPCO, 1987.

(d) Carbamazapine is an imported bulk drug. DGHS weighted'average import price is taken into account while fixing the prices of formulations. However, in case of peadriatic syrup the actual landed cost was taken into account in view of quality consideration.

fe) and (f) During the year 1991-92 the prices of around 3000 formulations have been fixed/revised. The time and labour involved[1] in collecting the requisite details Will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Not Fining Counter Affidavit in Flucort's case

1143. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN : Will the PRIME'MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question